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2. Form PTO-1449;
3. Copies of Cited References; and
4. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 9000/2072. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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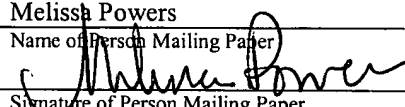
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(e)(1), each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or International application. Because this statement is being filed within three months of receipt of the Search Report, no fee is believed to be due. A copy of the Search Report is included and cited on the enclosed PTO-1449.

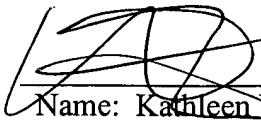
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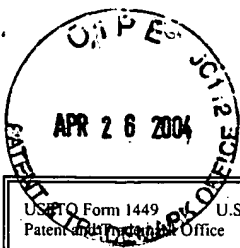
Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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